



Amendments to the Specification

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Attached hereto is a replacement Abstract.

IN THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention is based on the finding that a preparation of gliadin-coated, melon-derived SOD was tested for the inhibitory activity of tumor growth and malignant progression by using the inflammatory cell mediated progression model in mice and found that SOD-G inhibited tumor growth and malignant progression. Accordingly, the present invention for a new method of tumor prevention and treatment could be invented. The SOD treated with gliadin is hereinafter referred to as SOD-G.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

200 ml of 80% ethanol in a beaker is heated to 40°C. Then, 1.7g of sorbitol, 0.75g of glycerol, 5g of gliadin and a 200 ml solution containing 10 mg/ml of melon SOD were added thereto in this order. The mixture was heated and stirred to obtain a clear solution. The solution was poured onto a glass plate and heated at 37°C for 48 hours at a humidity of 2% to dry the solution. A dried film thus obtained ~~is~~was pulverized by using a pulverizer. Then, dextrin was added so as to make a powder of 2% SOD content.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 27, with the following rewritten paragraph:

C57BL/6 female mice of 2 to 4 months old were used. The mice were housed and used for experimentation under a specific pathogen-free condition.

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 10, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraphs:

Patient A.K. was a 72 year old man and was diagnosed with colon cancer three years before and the tumor was surgically removed. One liver metastatic nodule of 2 cm of diameter was discovered by CT scan by the inspection two years after the operation. Since the patient did not wish an operation ~~and~~ or chemotherapy, Oxykine daily dose of 500 mg was ~~taken~~ administered once per day, and progress was observed. The tumor marker CEA at the time of an Oxykine recipe start was 16. After 6 ~~month~~ months use of Oxykine, the CEA value was reduced to 6.8, and the size of the liver metastases remained at 2 cm diameter.

It was judged from the reduction of the CEA value and no growth of liver metastatic nodule that Oxykine took effect.